

REMARKS

In response to the requirement for election, applicant herewith elects with traverse the claims designated Group I, that is, claims 1-4 and 14. New claims 18-20 also are elected.

The election is made with traverse because the claims as set forth, see for example claims 1-4, are directed to the combination of the machine and the belt-shaped wrapping sheet that form the individual wrapping bags. A search of the combination requires a search of the claims of both Groups.

Claims 18-20 have been added. Claim 18 depends from claim 1, and claims 19 and 20 depend from claims 18 and 19, respectively. These claims are clearly linking claims since they recite details of the wrapping sheet as in the non-elected claims. Since these claims clearly link the two Groups together the requirement for restriction should be withdrawn and an action be given on the merits of all of the claims in the application.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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